(a) the names of railway bridges under construction in Bihar at present and the bridges which are proposed to be completed in the near future;

(b) the total amount sanctioned for the construction of overbridges at railway stations in Bihar;

(c) the among incurred so far thereon; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No Railway Bridge, having a name is under construction in Bihar.

(b) Rs. 174.24 lakhs for construction of foot-overbridges.

(c) Rs. 41.12 lakhs.

(d) The sanctioned foot-overbridges are likely to be completed by 1992-93.

[*English*]

Captive Power Plants

2826. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken to encourage captive power generation; and

(b) the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). The existing policy do not bar the establishment of captive power plants in the private or public sectors. Where the size of the plant is below 25 MW, the permission of the State Electricity Board is necessary; above this capacity, the concurrence of the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) is required.

The approved policy on the private sector participation in power generation, supply and distribution provides that captive power plants would be encouraged to sell surplus power to State Electricity Boards.

[*Translation*]

Air service between Surat-Bhavnagar and Surat-Delhi

2827. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to discontinue the Vayudoot services incurring heavy loss;

(b) whether the Government propose to give permission to any private agency to operate air-service on the routes hitherto being operated by the Vayudoot; and

(c) the agency likely to be permitted to start air service on Surat-Bhavnagar and Surat-Delhi routes?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Due to heavy losses sustained by it, Vayudoot has been compelled to reduce its network drastically.

(b) No permission from the government is required for an air taxi operator to operate any particular domestic route.

(c) Does not arise.